

TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter

June 2006

On May 5th, the Department of Petroleum Engineering celebrated the graduation of our undergraduate and graduate students. We held it at Jenks Aquarium. We had over sixty people attend the event including students and their families, faculty and staff. The guest speaker was Norm Hyne. Norm is former faculty member from the University of Tulsa and is a consulting geologist. Norm gave a wonderful presentation on the history of Glenn Pool field. Some of you who are not familiar, Glenn Pool field was discovered in 1905 and at its peak produced more than 112,000 barrels per day. It was the largest producing field in the world at that time. Glenn Pool is what made Tulsa the oil capitol of the world. Everyone enjoyed his meandering through the history of a great oil field. For photos of the occasion, please visit:

http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/news/Graduation_SP06/index.html

On May 2nd, the faculty from Petroleum Engineering Department went on retreat to discuss the status of the Department. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming visit by ABET in the Fall of 2006. We are working hard on the report to be submitted for the visit and believe that we are well prepared for the visit. In addition, we also discussed other challenges the Department will face in the near and in the long term. One challenge we will face in the near term is the increased enrollment. In many ways, the increased enrollment reflects an increased interest in Petroleum programs. On the other hand, increased enrollment also means increased requirements for resources. We will need more faculty to cover the courses we will have to teach, we will need more scholarship money to pay for the incoming students and we need to cast our net wider to get the students summer and permanent jobs. Over the upcoming months, I will be discussing some of these challenges in a greater detail and hope to have the input and help from you in answering these challenges.

On a sadder note, I heard about the passing of two of our alumni last month. Mr. Alfred A. Hoffman, Jr. passed away on March 21, 2006. He received a commission in the US Navy in 1952 after earning a BA in Liberal Arts and a BS in Chemical Engineering at Rice University. Following his military service, he worked for Warren Petroleum Co. and earned a MS in Petroleum Refining here at TU, graduating in 1959. After graduation, he began working for Phillips Petroleum Co. where he retired in 1985 with 26 years of employment. Mr. George Lampman, Jr. passed away on April 30, 2006. Mr. & Mrs. Lampman visited the department in 2001 and donated documented samples of oil from the different areas of the United States where he had worked. These samples are used for demonstration purposes in area middle schools, local industry training presentations and on display periodically in our display case. He received a BA and MA from the University of New York at Albany. He was a Lieutenant in the Army during the Korean War. After marrying in 1955, he was transferred to Tulsa. He earned a BS in 1961 from TU and worked as a Petroleum Engineer. He retired in 1988. He was a member of SPE and a Certified Professional Engineer. Our deepest sympathies go to both the families. We will miss their counsel and generosity to our program.

Now to the alumnus of the month:

Alumnus of the Month

This month's alumnus is Bill Arnolds. Bill graduated from TU in 1985 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering and began his career with Phillips Petroleum Company in 1986 in Lafayette, Louisiana, and worked assets located offshore Gulf of Mexico. He next worked various engineering assignments in Odessa, TX. In 1993, Bill transferred to Houston where he worked in Acquisition and Sales, then transferred to a role where he managed Phillips' production offshore California and on the North Slope of Alaska. Bill led a technical evaluation team that successfully acquired Arco's Alaska North Slope assets in 1999. In 2000, he transferred to London, England as an Asset Manager for Phillips' Central North Sea area. In 2002, following the merger, he transferred to Aberdeen, Scotland and served as Manager of the Southern North Sea Operating Unit. He assumed his current position as President of Dubai Petroleum Company in April 2006.

Bill served on the University of Tulsa Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board and was also an on-campus recruiter. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas. Bill is a 25-year member of the SPE and has held various chair positions throughout his tenure. He served as Finance Chairman on the board of the International School of Aberdeen. Bill has also authored multiple SPE papers and has secured a US patent on a specialized well stimulation technique.

For more on Bill please see:

http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/people/alum_mon_june_06.html

Keep sending me your comments, suggestions and criticisms. – Mohan

By Dr. Good Humor

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Junior Petroleum Engineer and Senior Petroleum Engineer (It's anybody's guess as to why Mr. & Mrs. Biological Engineer would name their two sons - Junior Petroleum and Senior Petroleum, but that's what their birth certificates indicate) were having a philosophical conversation on the subject of friendship. Junior ask Senior - "What's the difference between a 'Friend' and a 'True Friend'?". Senior replied - "A Friend would come and visit you if you were thrown in jail. A True Friend would be sitting beside you in your cell saying 'WOW was that ever FUN!!!'"